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In Reply Refer to:

EPA File No: 18R-15-R5

Mr. Keith Harley
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The Southeast Environmental Task Force
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Re: Voluntary Withdrawal of Administrative Complaint

Dear Mr. Harley:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received your letter dated August 25, 2015, requesting to withdraw your EPA complaint (No. 18R-15-R5) as received on July 23, 2015. It is our understanding that your request is based on the findings, responsive measures and commitments as delineated in the Illinois EPA's July 2, 2015 Environmental Justice Grievance Investigative Report and Resolution. Information regarding this resolution may be found on the Illinois EPA's Environmental Justice Grievances and Resolution Website at the following link:

www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice/grievances/index.

Pursuant to your request, OCR is administratively closing your complaint with prejudice and will consider this matter as resolved. If you have any questions, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or via e-mail at peterson.samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Velveta Golightly-Howell", is positioned above the printed name.

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

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